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NEW COMMUNITY HALL OPENING DANCE

The opening dance in the new Community Hall held on Friday, December 2nd was an unqualified success. Approximately 350 people attended and encouraged by the music of Sanguist's orchestra, they proceeded to have an enthusiastic and an enjoyable time. The new building was thoroughly inspected by the crowd, who placed it's collective seal of approval on this new public building. A carnival atmosphere was created by the distribution of balloons, paper hats, noise makers etc, all of which added to the exuberance of the dancers.

At 10:30 Ronald Brent, acting as Master of Ceremonies, spoke a few words of welcome and complimented the people of Bassano for the splendid community building they had caused to be erected. He hoped the community would spend many happy hours there. Mr. Brent then introduced Mayor Harris who cut the ribbon and declared the new Community Building officially opened to the public. Dancing then resumed until the wee sma' hours.

NEW MASONIC TEMPLE DEDICATED

M.W. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Alberta, S. Carl Heckart of Vermillion, officiated at the opening meeting of Bassano Lodge #55 A.F. & A.M. in the newly completed Masonic Temple at Bassano held on December 5th. Mr. Heckbert was accompanied by M.W. Bro. Cummings P.G.M., R.W. Canon Morgan, Grand Chaplain, M.W. Bro. W.J. Hamilton G.D.O.C. all of Calgary, R.W. Bro. E.J. Fooks D.D.G.M. of District #2 at Medicine Hat. Other distinguished visitors were R.W. Bro. C.T. Schon, Brooks, P.D.D.G.M., Wor. Bro. W. Pettifor, Master of Brooks Lodge, R.W. Bro. Jas. Henderson P.D.D.G.M., Medicine Hat, Wor. Bro. Bruce McKenzie, Master of Medicine Hat Lodge #2 and several other distinguished brethren.

The meeting was preceded by an excellent banquet served by the ladies of Mary Keohane Chapter O.E.S.

W. Bro. L.C. Spivey, Master of Bassano Lodge #55, welcomed the distinguished visitors. The ceremony of the Official Opening was conducted by M.W. Bro. S. Carl Heckbert, R.W. Bro. Canon Morgan and V.W. Bro. W.J. Hamilton.

The Grand Master complimented the Brethren of Bassano Lodge on the magnificent Temple that they had erected to replace the one lost by fire last April, and wished them well for the future.

W. Bro. L.C. Spivey thanked the Grand Master and his accompanying officers for their kindness in travelling so far to officiate at the evening's ceremonies. He also made mention of the beautiful Lodge furnishings presented to the Lodge by Bro. T.N. Simpson and W. Bro. G.A. Simpson, also the Master's Chair, which was presented on behalf of Mrs. Isobel Young in memory of the late W. Bro. A.I. Young.

R.W. Bro. E.J. Fooks presented the Lodge with a volume of the Holy Bible and W. Bro. W. Pettifor and W. Bro. Ward Simpson each made a presentation on behalf of Brooks Lodge # 73.

PRESIDENT WINS CURLING

On December 1st a supper was held in the Alberta Cafe when 41 curlers were present to celebrate the President's victory. The results of the President vs Vice President Curling competition were as follows:

President		Vice President	
Keith	11	Simpson	7
Maurer	13	Rodbourne	11
Dalsto	20	Helwig	1
Brent	6	Uebell	12
Plumer	7	Haskayne	16
Mason	7	Trieber	16
Mashford	16	Clare	5
Totals	80		58

After supper a meeting was held with President W.A. Lee in the chair. It was decided to play the square draw to be decided by scores and the winning rink in points to win first prize. The top seven rinks would then play off for a prize and the lowest seven rinks would also play off for a prize. It was also decided that men on the spare board would pay a fee of \$11.00 for the season. The question of substitution on rinks was decided. S. Rodbourne, R. Brent and H. Trieber were appointed as referees for curling events. It was decided to hold a mixed bonspiel with the money left over from last year's mixed bonspiel to be used as prizes.



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MRS. J. BRYAN - PROP

THE OBSERVER

BY HUGH PEARCE

As reported elsewhere in this issue the Grand Opening Dance at the new Community Hall was a decided success. From the many people I talked to I gather that the Bassano public were very much surprised and pleased to discover they owned a Dance Hall built so large and so comfortable.

It is a building that has been needed by the Town for many years and one which the Bassano public may well be proud to own. I feel that the Town Council deserves commendation for "sticking out it's collective neck" for planning and building this fine community building with public funds this year. I would point out that the building will be paid for completely from current funds. There will be no debenture payments or other loan payments to worry about in future years. In other words the new Community Hall is completely OURS. Let us get our moneys worth by using it for all community projects.

While I realize that the new building (as it is planned now) will exhaust all available funds for this year, I would like to suggest that some further improvements be made as soon as further funds are available.

I would urge that some provision should be made whereby lunches may be served at the entertainments in the hall. The lack of lunch facilities may not be too important to residents of the Town but, for those attending from country districts and other outside points, a lunch at midnight is more or less a necessity. Furthermore a good lunch at midnight would tend to keep the effects of John Barleycorn within allowable limits. I am sure that the attendance from dancers "outside" will be consistently greater if those dancers are assured of obtaining a lunch at midnight. The Town "crowd" alone will not insure a financially successful dance and facilities for a lunch will definitely encourage out of town people to attend.

Another improvement at the Hall would be facilities for checking hats and coats. At the last dance I found my overcoat being used as a carpet. as far as I am personally concerned (and I believe many others think as I do on this subject) I would prefer to pay a small fee to have my hat and coat properly cared for rather than to pay a large dry cleaning bill after each entertainment at the Hall.

I would urge that the Town Council investigate the merits of these two suggestions with a view of including the financial requirements in the next Budget if they are considered feasible and warranted by public necessity.

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Your WANT AD could be printed here for 50¢ per issue and would reach 625 prospective customers.

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ROSEMARY NEWS

Born to Mr. & Mrs. Noel E. Crapo on December 5th, a daughter.

George Jones is a patient in the Brooks Hospital. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Rosemary expects to have a daily mail service very soon. Many thanks to those who have helped in getting that much needed service.

Little LeRoy Hardy had the misfortune of breaking his leg while playing on the ice rink.

The local stores have taken on that Christmas look with a large display of gifts and toys.

Randall Payne is home after spending a week in the Bassano Hospital with an infected hand.

Wish your postal clerks a Merry Christmas by tying your cards in bundles for each destination.

CHURCH NEWS

The Bassano Evangelical Free Church will hold a Christmas program in the Community Hall on Wednesday, December 21st at 7:30 P.M.

Everyone is cordially invited.

The Sunday School and friends will again bring "White Gifts" to be placed under the tree at the program. These gifts will then be sent to the orphanage at Wetaskiwin. Each gift should be marked whether it is for a girl or boy and for which age group.

Regular Services -

10:30 A.M. - Sunday School

7:30 P.M. - Evening Worship

Tuesday 8:00 P.M. - Bible Study

Knox Presbyterian Church, Bassano.

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TOWN TOPICS

Art Simpson proved his curling prowess by winning the silverware at the Dr. Merritt Bonspell at the Glencoe Club in Calgary on Saturday. His aggregate score of 39 points were made up from four straight wins 5 - 4 over Irl England, 14 - 0 Victory over Alex Watson, 7 - 4 over Ray Chisholm and 13 - 2 over T.E. Wilson. Art's rink was made up as follows: Norm Dalsto, third, Ralph Burrows, second and Bud Stewart, lead.

A meeting of the Board of Trade will be held in the Legion Hall on Friday, December 9th.

At the last Home and School meeting the members seemed to be in favor of insuring the school children against accidental injury while in the school yard. Information now is at hand regarding the premium for such insurance. The premium for such accident insurance for children in Grades 1 to 6 inclusive is 50¢ from now until June 30th and for pupils in Grades 7 to 12 inclusive the premium is \$1.00 to June 30th. School Bus transportation is not included in this rate. Each pupil must arrange to apply for his own insurance as it is not a group policy but a policy for each individual. Application forms may be obtained from J.W. Ratzlaff.

Town Constable Pat McPhee and Mrs. McPhee travelled to Medicine Hat on Saturday, returning on Sunday night.

Dirk Walstra took in the recent Bingo game in Calgary but returned without a prize.

There is a shortage of propane and coal in Town at present. Possibly the unseasonable early winter has had some effect on the fuel stocks.

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THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

By Rev. F.A. Clare

Christmas is one of the greatest events of the Christian world and most widely observed. It's observance is also the most varied from a Holy Christian festival to wild drunken debauchery.

What is the true spirit of Christmas then to be observed? It is first of all the greatest Children's Day in the world for it celebrates the birth of a baby, an ever new and interesting life. It's humility and simplicity challenges the poorest and humblest in life.

It is a spirit of joy heralded by the Angelic host who announced as a Heavenly host it's advent to the world.

It is a spirit of giving inspired by the Wise Men from the East and today every needy and worthy cause for the healing of the sick, helping the unfortunate, reforming the criminal, preventing disease and spreading the gospel of Christ challenges us all.

It is also a spirit of peace for it was included in the Angelic message "Peace on earth, good will to men". It not only gives peace to the individual in giving him a Saviour who can save him from sin but can, and it only can, bring peace to peoples of all races and classes and languages and colors and religions.

BASSANO CURLING CLUB ORGANIZED

On Wednesday, November 23rd a meeting was held at the Curling Rink to organize the club for the 1955-56 season with N. Dalsto in the chair.

Election of officers resulted in the following officers being elected:

President	W.A. Lee
Vice President	G.A. Simpson
Secretary	Rev. F.A. Clare
Treasurer	D. Garrick

Dr. W.F. Keith was elected as Convenor of the curling section and R. Hedstrom and R. Heryford volunteered to act as the draw committee.

It was decided to affiliate with the Royal Caledonian Curling Club.

Membership fees for this season were set at \$20.00 for men (which includes brooms and prizes), \$5.00 for High School boys and \$3.00 for each school rink.

The President versus Vice President competition was scheduled to start on November 28th, 14 rinks entering. The personnel of the rinks were as follows:

Skips	Thirds	Seconds	Leads
L. Maurer	W. Flanagan	A. Armstrong	V. Stanker
J. Uebell	E. Varty	J. Schelske	J.R. Price
Dr. W.F. Keith	W.A. Lee	J. Keith	J. Ratzlaff
S. Haskayne	R.D. Brent	B. Jensen	R. Helwig
D. Plumer	L. Stewart	V. Barron	G. Hawn
Dr. L.H. Mason	R. Hedstrom	C. Hockett	E. Schaffer
H. Trieber	M. Meidinger	W. Cotton	B. Graham
A. Helwig	R. Pollock	A. Leslie	R. Bingham
G.A. Simpson	R. Heryford	B. Rockwell	G. Young
N. Dalsto	R.M. Burrows	D. Ferguson	R. Varty
S. Rodbourne	E. Borger	G. Schelske	M. Kelly
G. Mashford	A. Arrison	J. Jensen	K. Mason
Rev. F.A. Clare	H. Brown	G. Ferraby	R. Simonin
Mr. Maxwell	O. Brant	D. Clifford	M. Redford
Spares: Phillip Martin and Goldie Smith			

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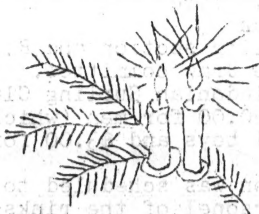
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OUR HOSPITAL

BY S.H. EDWARDS

During the month of November the number of patients treated in our hospital was exactly the same as the number treated in October - 73. It is quite interesting to note that it is the same number of patients as was treated in November last year.

Six new citizens of the Province first saw light of day in our hospital during the month of November:

Colin James Clyne was born to Mr. & Mrs. Alex Clyne of Countess on November 3rd.

Kim Stanley Telford was born to Mr. & Mrs. Ralph S. Telford of Cluny on November 4th.

Neil Malcolm Douglass was born to Mr. & Mrs. Dorian Douglass of Gem on November 7th.

Bradley James Ewing was born to Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ewing of Makepeace on November 10th.

Glen Henry Scheibner was born to Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Scheibner of Gem on November 19th.

Sheila Rae Humphrey was born to Mr. & Mrs. Robert S. Humphrey of Chancellor on November 28th.

Congratulations to all the parents and a hope that all the babes may live to receive "Senior Citizen" scrolls in 2005.

Mr. Fred Bridget, who lives at the Eventide Home at Gleichen, was with us for a few days in November and left us greatly improved in health. He was, for some years, a blacksmith at Three Hills. He was especially interesting to us because he is 97 years of age - just three years short of his century.

Those non-ratepayers who hold hospitalization contracts which will expire at the end of December, 1955 may renew them at any time now. Be on time and be safe! The half-year contract is no longer issued. The new regulations covering hospitalization contracts stipulate that they be issued for a full year only and that they must be renewed within thirty days of the expiry date.

It is quite a tussle just now to keep our bank balance in black figures instead of red ones. Our receivable accounts persist in becoming greater each month in spite of our best efforts to get them down. We would appreciate it very highly if those people who have an unpaid hospital bill could find it possible to send us some money to help along the good cause.

The Board will meet on Wednesday, December 7th and it is hoped that, following the meeting, there will be some news to pass on to you about the new hospital plans.

THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

Editor,
Bassano Herald.

Dear Sir;

The proposed changes in the Trans-Canada Natural Gas Pipelines affect the future well being of the Town of Bassano.

The Towns of Olds and Innisfail and also towns to the south of Calgary similarly affected have presented briefs to the Commission sitting on this matter. What has the Town of Bassano or the Bassano Board of Trade done - as usual absolutely nothing. The Board of Trade has only one thing on it's mind - the Bassano Stampede. While this is a very commendable effort, it is not the ultimate in objectives.

When asked why nothing has been done about putting a little pressure in the necessary places about the pipeline the answer from both sources is the same - "Well, we are only one little place. Who is going to pay any attention to us?" With this attitude on the part of those responsible for putting Bassano on the map we should go far.

Olds, Innisfail and those other towns do not take this attitude. How about dropping our complacency for awhile and really put Bassano on the map.

Yours truly,

L.C. Spivey.

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